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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *March* 6, 1755.

LEGHORN, November 2.

ACCORDING to Letters from Algiers, the Dey has been ſo well ſatisfied with the Preſents of the States-General, that he aſſured Meſſieurs Idſinga and Huygens, Captains of the Dutch Men of War that carried thoſe Preſents, That on all Occaſions he would demonſtrate to their High Mightineſſes, that the State of Algiers had no Friends to whom it was more inviolably attached than to the States General.

Geneva, Nov. 16. The Smugglers that ſpread ſuch a Terror thro' the Provinces of France, compoſe a Gang of 400 Men, chiefly Deſerters, who ſtick at nothing becauſe they have nothing to hope for if taken. Theſe 400 are divided into four Parties, who relieve one another alternately in their Excurſions, and there are always two in the Field. They are extremely well armed, having each a Muſil, two Piſtols at their Girdle, two Horſe Piſtols, and two Pocket Piſtols, all of which diſcharge twice. They often paſs by this Place with the Tobacco which they purchaſe in Switzerland. They afterwards divide into two Bands, one of which goes to Breſſe, croſſes the Principality of Dombes, and penetrates as far as Auvergne; whilſt the other falls into Franche Compte, and over-runs an Extent of thirty Leagues, carrying Terror and Conſternation into all the Offices of the Farmers within thoſe Limits. It was at the Siege of the Houſe at Puy en Valay, into which 100 of the Exciſemen had thrown themſelves, that Mandrieu received the Wound lately mentioned. The Houſe was built of hewn Stone, and they had made Embraſures in the Walls, thro' which they diſcharged fifty Muſkets at once at the Smugglers, as they were marching thro' the Town, to the Number of ſixty, little expecting ſuch a Salute. Mandrieu immediately order'd his Men to alight, and whilſt he with one Party was breaking open the Door with two large Smiths Hammers, St. Pierre, his Captain Lieutenant, with fourteen others, by the Help of a Wall got on the Top of the Houſe, which they uncovered, and reached the Exciſemen that Way, about the ſame Time that Mandrieu entered by the Door, making a continual Fire. Sixteen of the beſieged were killed on the Spot, and ſeveral others wounded; the reſt made their Eſcape. The Smugglers loſt only one Man, who was killed by the firſt Fire.

Grenoble, Nov. 12. A few Days ago there was a ſharp Engagement near Vienne, between the Regiment of Beaufremont and a Gang of 300 of Mandrieu's Smugglers who had enter'd this Province, and alarm'd both Town and Country. The Smugglers were worſted, but a great many were killed or wounded on both Sides.

Paris, Nov. 14. Yeſterday it was reported that M. de la Morliere, with the Troops under his Command, having come up with 374 Smugglers, 18 Leagues from Lyons, flew the greateſt Part of them on the Spot, and made 30 Priſoners, whom he immediately hang'd, without any Form of Proceſs. [*Fine French Law.*]

Paris, Nov. 22. The Gang of Smugglers in the Southern Parts of the Kingdom grow every Day more formidable than other. They go from City to City terrifying People, and forcing them to take their Merchandize, and to give them for it the Price which they think fit to ſet upon it. They pretend to great Probity, and even Generoſity, in the Buſineſs which they follow. They have at their Head a Man called Mandrieu, whom they blindly obey. This Chief gives Titles to thoſe who diſtinguiſh themſelves by daring Actions. It's ſaid, that he even carries his Extravagancies to ſuch a Pitch, as to have inſtituted an Order of Knighthood, and gives the Enſigns as a Reward to Bravery. There is current a remarkable Story of this extraordinary Perſon: He having been informed that the Lord of the Eſtate upon which he and his Gang moſtly reſided had promiſed a Reward of 3000 Livres for taking him, alive or dead, went and preſented himſelf to the Lord, and, without making himſelf known, he told him he had brought the Head of Mandrieu, and without further Diſcourſe told him he was the Man, and that he expected the Reward he had offered for taking him, or, upon Refuſal, he ſhould plunder his Caſtle. The Lord perceiving that he was accompanied by two reſolute Fellows, well armed, and apprehending what might happen, thought fit to pay him the 1000 Crowns, upon which Mandrieu retired.

Dublin, Nov. 9. Laſt Wedneſday Evening the grand and ſuperb Church of St. Werbergh's was accidentally ſet on Fire by ſome of the Servants leaving a Candle burning after Evening Prayers. Before Five the next Morning, Lieut. Collins, of Col. Kennedy's Regiment, the Commanding Officer, and Soldiers on the Main Guard, diſcovered a great Light, upon which they alarmed all the Neighbourhood, not one of the Pariſh Watchmen being to be found, by ſending Soldiers to their Houſes to alarm them againſt the Fire; which timely Notice ſaved the Lives and Properties of many of the Pariſhioners. This worthy vigilant Officer, upon the firſt Diſcovery, his Centinels having acquainted him that a Smoak came from the Church, immediately went and forced open the Doors, and found the Body of the Church in Flames. His next Step was to inform the Inhabitants near the Church and the Exchequer Office, and was obliged to break open ſome of their Doors to make them ſenſible of their Danger: After which he made the Soldiers aſſiſt in getting the Engines, and himſelf placed them to play. And having ſent to the Caſtle and Barrack Guards for Reinforcements of Soldiers, Captain Cheſter of the Caſtle Guard, immediately came to his Aſſiſtance, and they ſo diſpoſed of both their Guards, that though the Streets were covered with Goods and Houſhold Furniture, thrown and brought there by the frightened People, they were ſaved from the Plunder of ſome rapacious Wretches who took Advantage of the Conſternation. Lieut. Collins alſo ſent to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, who came with all poſſible Expedition, and ordered the Fire Engines to play, which was done ſo effectually, that all the neighbouring Houſes were preſerved; and the only one that received moſt Damage was the Exchequer-Office in Caſtle Street; but Mr. Anderſon's Warehouſe, at the North-Weſt End, eſcaped all Damage. Mr. Robinſon, the Engineer, who had the Direction of the Fire Engines upon this melancholy Occaſion, behaved himſelf with all the Bravery and Intrepidity that Man could do, going in the midſt of the Flames to all Places, by which he preſerved the fine Steeple, Bells and Veſtry, which are now ſtanding; but the Communion Table, Pulpit, Reading Deſk, the Organ, Pews, Branches, and all the inſide Ornaments of the Church, are entirely deſtroyed. About Seven o'Clock the Roof was all in a Blaze, and had it not, all at once, fallen into the Body of the Church, it is probable, that a great Part of the City would have been conſumed by the terrible Flames that were carried to a vaſt Diſtance, by which ſome Chimnies and Roofs of Houſes were ſet on Fire, but ſoon extinguiſhed.

Yeſterday Morning early Archibald Campbell, one of the Watchmen of St. Andeon's Pariſh, was found murder'd in a ſhocking and inhuman Manner, at his Stand near the Market-Steps in Cook-Street.

LONDON, *November* 14.

Extract of a Letter from Fontainbleau, Nov. 10.

"The laſt Diſpatches received from London, and the ſeveral Memorials ſent by the Britiſh Court, concerning the Affairs of the Eaſt and Weſt Indies, have been the Subject of ſeveral Conferences here: A Council has likewiſe been held in the King's Preſence, about the Inſtructions to be given to the Duke of Mirepoix relative to thoſe Affairs; which Inſtructions his Excellency had not yet received laſt Night: So that we preſume ſome Difficulties have occurred, tho' there is Room enough to ſuppoſe the two Courts will come to a right Underſtanding about theſe Matters."——If the French have any Reaſon to call it a *right* Underſtanding, Britons need not be told what other Name it may deſerve.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, November 11.

"The Earl of Albemarle having made Repreſentations to our Court, about the Conduct of the French Governors and Commandants in America, and particularly concerning their late Attempt on the Lands occupied by the Engliſh and their Allies towards the River Ohio; we are aſſured our Miniſtry have anſwered, That the King being very much inclined to come into any Meaſures that may put an End to Diſputes in that Country, his Majeſty, as a Proof of this Inclination, was ready to ſend Orders to the Governor of Canada, and to the Commandants of his other Colonies in America, to ceaſe all hoſtile Enterprizes whatſoever, *provided* that the Britiſh Court would diſpatch the like Orders to its Governors, to the end that both Courts might afterwards labour in Concert to adjuſt the Points in Diſpute, &c."

November 14. The Swallow, Dobſon, being at Gambia, an Inſurrection happen'd on Board, in which five white Men and twenty Negroes were cut off.

Novembir 14. His Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers, and opened the Seſſions of Parliament with a moſt gracious Speech to both Houſes. After he expreſs'd his Satisfaction of meeting them at a Time, when the late Elections have afforded his People an Opportunity of giving freſh Proofs of their Duty and Affection to Him and Government in the Choice of their Repreſentatives, ſays,

THE General State of Affairs in *Europe* has received very little Alteration ſince your laſt Meeting; but I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that I have lately received the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances from my good Brother the King of *Spain*, of his firm Reſolution to cultivate Friendſhip and Confidence with me, with reciprocal Acts of Harmony and good Faith; and that he will perſevere in theſe Sentiments. It ſhall be my principal View, as well to ſtrengthen the Foundations, and ſecure the Duration, of the general Peace, as to improve the preſent Advantages of it, for promoting the Trade of my good Subjects, and protecting thoſe Poſſeſſions, which make one general Source of our Commerce and Wealth.

The Plan formed by the laſt Parliament, for appropriating the forfeited Eſtates in the Highlands to the Public Benefit, appears to be of ſuch national Importance, that I am perſuaded, you will not omit any proper Opportunity of compleating it. Let me alſo recommend it to you, to make ſuch further Proviſions, as may be expedient for perpetuating the due Execution of the Laws, and the juſt Authority of my Government, in that Part of the United Kingdom.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I have ordered the Eſtimates for the enſuing Year to be prepared and laid before you. The Supplies which I have to aſk of you, are ſuch as ſhall be neceſſary for the ordinary Services; for the Execution of ſuch Treaties as have been communicated to you, for conſolidating and maintaining that Syſtem of Tranquility, which is my great Object; and at the ſame Time for ſecuring ourſelves againſt any Encroachments.

The gradual Reduction of the national Debt, which has been ſo wiſely and ſucceſsfully begun, will, I make no Doubt, have your ſerious and conſtant Attention.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It is unneceſſary for me to uſe any Argument to preſs upon you Unanimity, and Diſpatch, in your Proceedings. I have had ſuch ample Experience of the Fidelity, Zeal and good Diſpoſition of my Parliaments, during the Courſe of my Reign, that I truſt there is a mutual Confidence eſtabliſhed between us; the ſureſt Pledge of my own and my People's Happineſs."

November

November 16. Yesterday the Right Honourable the House of Peers waited on his Majesty, at St. James's, with their Address of Thanks for His most Gracious Speech from the Throne. They concluded the loyal Address, with saying, "Permit us, Sir, to take this Opportunity to renew "the most solemn Assurances of our inviolable Fidelity and Affection to your most sacred Person "and Government. In this, our Duty and our "Interest unite and are inseparable. Our Resolution is fix'd, and unalterable, to strengthen your "Majesty's Hands, for preserving the Peace; supporting the Honour of your Crown; and maintaining the Rights and Possessions of your Kingdoms, against any Encroachments. The Maxim "graciously laid down by your Majesty, that a "mutual Confidence between you and your Parliament, is the surest Pledge of the Happiness, "both of King and People, is highly worthy a "*British* Monarch; and it shall be our zealous Endeavours, to demonstrate to the World the Stability of that Confidence; and, under the Protection of Divine Providence, to transmit to our "Posterity the Blessings of your Majesty's Reign, "in the Perpetuity of the Protestant Succession in "your Royal House."

His MAJESTY's *most Gracious* ANSWER.

MY LORDS,

I RETURN *you my hearty Thanks for this very dutiful and affectionate Address. The Zeal you express for my Person and Government, and for maintaining the Rights and Possessions of my Crown, can not fail to have the best Effects, both at Home and Abroad. The Confidence which you repose in me, shall always be made Use of for the true Interest of my People.*"

November 16. This Day the Honourable House of Commons waited on his Majesty with an Address of Thanks for his most gracious Speech.

From *Paris*, *Nov.* 8. That a general Pardon will soon be published for past Offences.

They write from Chatham, that his Majesty's Ship Litchfield, a fine Fifth Rate, was ordered to be fitted out for Sea, with the utmost Expedition.

By Letters from Leicester, dated Nov. 8, we hear that on the Friday Night before, at Woodhouse Eves (a Village a few Miles from that Place) a barbarous Murder was committed by one Abbot Lewis, a Man who kept a Public House at that Town, on the Body of his Wife, he having by his own Confession violently beat and fractured her Skull, by throwing her against the Hand Iron, and by giving her several other violent Bruises in different Parts. On Sunday the Coroner's Inquest sat upon the Body, and brought in their Verdict Wilful Murder. It appeared that the Villain had fastened the Doors and Windows of his House before he committed the horrid Fact, but an Officer of the Excise, coming to survey, as usual, and finding the Door fast, demanded Entrance; upon which Lewis dragged the Deceased into a dark Entry, and laid her on her Face, and then went and let him in, and afterwards drank a Mug of Beer with the Exciseman, who not seeing the Wife, and suspecting something from the Noise he had heard, and from the Report of his often abusing her, insisted upon his searching farther; when he discovered the Deceased in Manner and Place abovementioned. He made the Villain directly assist him in taking up the Body, and give all possible Assistance to recover her, but in vain; upon which he alarmed the Neighbourhood, seized the Murderer, and kept him Prisoner till Sunday, when he was committed to the County Gaol.

November 8. 'Tis strongly reported that the Right Hon. the Earl of Holderness will be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Granville Secretary of State, the Duke of Dorset President of the Council, the Right Hon. Henry Fox Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Right Hon. Henry Legge, Secretary of War.

November 9. Letters from Glamorganshire say, that the Rains there lately have been so very heavy, that the Floods have carried away an Arch lately built over the River Taaff, being 144 Feet wide, and supposed to be the largest in Europe.

November 26. On Sunday the 10th Instant was lost near the Highland of Padstow in Cornwall, the Sloop Britannia, of Carmarthen, George Clement Master, bound from Biddeford to Carmarthen, but by Distress of Weather forced down the Channel. The Crew and Passengers were saved by the Assistance of Capt. Brown, of Topsham. A large Boat from Padstow came off with seven Men, and boarded the Vessel whilst foundering; but would not take in any of the People, who must have inevitably perished in a few Minutes, but for the Humanity of Capt. Brown, who seeing the brutish Behaviour of the others, immediately sent off his Boat, and brought all the People and Passengers on Shore.——What could cause such Inhumanity in a Christian Country, but the savage Disposition of the Inhabitants on the Coast, who make a Prey of others Misfortunes!

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman now on his Travels in Prussia.

—— "I was this Day at a Review and Exercise of a Regiment of Horse, when his Majesty gave the Word of Command during the whole Exercise; in one Part whereof the whole Regiment were to leap a Ditch six Feet wide: The King gave the Command, and the principal Officer was to lead the Regiment; in doing which it unfortunately happened that he was thrown from his Horse on the farther Side of the Ditch; whereupon the King commanded a Halt, then leaped the Ditch himself, and going up to the unfortunate Officer, told him, 'He had a great Regard for him, and was sorry 'he had Occasion to tell him he should never serve 'him more; for by his (the Officer's) Carelessness 'he might have lost a whole Regiment, had they 'been in a Battle.' After dismissing the Officer, his Majesty went through the Remainder of the Exercise at the Head of the Regiment. It was a very fine Sight; but the Disgrace of the Officer deprived me of Part of my Pleasure: He is really a fine Person, and universally beloved."

November 28. We are informed by a Dutch Gazette, that the German Prince who lately renounced Calvinism to embrace Popery, having taken the Resolution to bring up his Children in the same Religion, his Princess, to avoid being present at the Ceremonies necessary, has retired to the Hereditary Dominions of her Family.

Extract of an authentic Letter, dated at Philadelphia, October 8, 1754.

'The Tenure of our Province is become precarious, from the Settlement of above 2000 regular French Troops (besides Indians) within 200 'Miles of this City.—I only wish that his Majesty 'and British Parliament knew our Danger, and that 'of the whole English Northern Continent.—Our 'Assembly consists of thirty six Members, thirty 'whereof are Quakers, and nothing can be done by 'them for the Defence of the Country. I am as 'sured Ways and Means might be found to compel 'our Assembly to do every thing needful for our 'Preservation.'

CHARLES-TOWN, (South-Carolina), Feb. 6.

A MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen,

I SEND for your Perusal and Consideration, the Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

It were Presumption in me, to recommend what comes from such Authority: The high Station of the Person who writes it, the clear and persuasive Manner in which it is written, the Importance and Interestingness of the Subject, all bespeak your serious Attention. How great an Instance of his Tenderness and Affection, hath our Royal Master, and great Father of his People, here given to us, in resolving with his known courageous Constancy and Steadiness to assert our Rights! Such a Conduct in the best of Kings, must make the most deep and lasting Impressions on the grateful Hearts of dutiful Subjects, and will not suffer you to hesitate, in raising, forthwith, as large a Sum as can be afforded, as your Contribution to a Common Fund, to be employed provisionally in the general Service of America.

Let us vie with the most zealous Provinces, in shewing a Regard for the general Cause of securing his Majesty's American Dominions against all Incroachments, by giving a Portion out of that Plenty which Providence hath bestowed upon us for a Series of Years.

Every one who owns a Duty, and professes Loyalty, to his Majesty, a Love to his Country, or a Regard for himself, will give chearfully and liberally: And if any would be so mistaken, as to prefer their Riches to these Considerations, they will find it their Interest to give liberally also, as the most proper Means to secure their All. In short, Preparation for War, is the most ready and effectual Way of preserving Peace.

In the Council Chamber, the 11*th Day of Jan.* 1755. JAMES GLEN.

A MESSAGE from the ASSEMBLY *to the* GOVERNOR, *in Answer to the foregoing.*

May it please your Excellency,

THIS House having consider'd your Excellency's Message, brought down with a Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, on the 14th Instant; and being very ready and willing to contribute, to the utmost of our Ability, toward defraying the Expence of the Service mentioned in your said Message, have ordered a Bill to be brought in, *for stamping and signing public Orders, to the Amount of* Forty Thousand Pounds *Current Money (being equal to* Five Thousand Seven Hundred *and* Fourteen Pounds, Five Shillings, *and* Eight-pence Halfpenny, *Sterling) to be sunk in Seven Years, by a General Tax; and for granting the said Sum of* Forty Thousand Pounds *to his Majesty, for the Defence of his Majesty's Dominions in North-America.*

In the Commons House of Assembly, the 21*st Day of January*, 1755. *by Order of the House,*
HENRY MIDDLETON, *Speaker.*

In the Commons House of Assembly, the First Day of February, 1755.

Resolved, That this House (in Obedience to his Majesty's Orders, signified to the Governor by one of the principal Secretaries of State) have endeavoured, to the utmost of their Power, to raise and grant to his Majesty, an Aid toward defraying the Expence of defending his Majesty's Dominions in North-America, as considerable as the present Circumstances of the Inhabitants of this Province (who have other large Sums to provide for their own immediate Security and Defence) would admit.

Resolved, That by the Bill which his Excellency has been pleased to disallow, Provision was made for raising such Aid in the most expeditious Manner, and agreeably to Methods hitherto observed in this Province for raising such Supplies as have been granted to his Majesty upon the like emergent Occasion.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that such Aid could not be raised so immediately and expeditiously as the Service must necessarily require, in any Manner whatever other than as by the Bill is pointed out and provided.

Ordered, That the Governor's Message, which was brought down to this House on the 14th of last Month, with the Message in Answer thereto, and the said Bill, with the above Resolves, be printed in the Gazette.

By Order of the House,
CHILDERMAS CROFT, C. D. C.

February 6. We hear, that some civil Commotions have lately happened in Georgia, but that they have terminated on the Expulsion of four Members of the Assembly there.

BOSTON, January 27.

We have the following sorrowful Account from Braintree, viz. That Lord's Day, the 19th Instant, Mr. William Wild, junior, and his Wife, attending the public Worship, left their two only Sons at Home, the eldest of them eight Years of Age, the other about six, who went from the House to a Pond near by, which was froze over, and venturing on the Ice, it broke under them, and they were both drowned.

The Night after the 5th Instant, a large Dwelling-House in Woodstock, belonging to Mr. John Throop, was consumed by Fire, and all that was in it, but no Life lost.

February 3. Wednesday last, Robert M'Kee, of Litchfield, in the Province of New-Hampshire, went to a Warehouse in this Town, and agreed for a Parcel of Goods, the Pay to be in New-Hampshire Bills, and producing one of Eight Pounds, he was told it was a Counterfeit, upon which he cut about Half of it up (the other Part being snatched out of his Hands) and tore two other Bills to Pieces, and threw them into the Fire. Upon searching him, several other Bills of Eight Pounds, and some of a lower Denomination, were found upon him. He confessed that he had put off some of the Bills at Shops in this Town. He is now confined in Goal, and it is thought he will soon discover his Accomplices, and turn Evidence for the King.

Salem, January 25. Last Week a Gentleman of this Town received a Quantity of Cheese from Rhode-Island, recommended to him for extraordinary good; but having parted with a few of them to some of his Neighbours, all that eat of them were very severely purged; upon which several others had the Curiosity to try if it would have the same Effect upon them, and were soon after served, for they vomited and purged to such a Degree for some Hours, that Life was almost despaired of. The Cheeses that were thus poisonous, were marked E. B.

Another Salem Person of good Credit, also giving some Account of this Affair, says, *As to the Truth of it, being a near Neighbour, I was an Eye-Witness to it in more than two or three of the People who eat of it, and saw the Operation.*

PHILADELPHIA.

February 18. Saturday last there was a Hog in this Market for Sale, raised by one of our Butchers, which weigh'd Six Hundred and Forty two Pounds. [*Juſt as much is ſaid of this grand Hog, as can be ſaid of many of the human Species; for, as neither a ſaid of many of the human Species; for, as neither a Hog or a Miſer do any Good till they die, ſo afterwards the chief that's told of them, is, how much they weigh'd.*]

February 25.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer at Wills's Creek to his Friend here, dated Feb. 10, 1755.

"Since my laſt the two Indians, which were ſent to Fort Du Queſne with a Letter from one of the French Priſoners in Virginia, arriv'd in this Camp; who inform us, that the French Indians, which were ſome Time ſince with us, and who pretended in our Council to be Friends with the Engliſh, were at the French Fort, and deliver'd to the Commandant the Speech we made to them, and the Preſents they receiv'd from us.——The Meſſengers further ſay, that the French would not admit them into their Council with the French Indians: And that the French Officer told them, he intended, in a very few Days, to march a large Body of French and Indians, and drive us out of our preſent Situation, for that we had no Buſineſs to build Forts at Wills's Creek.——We have put ourſelves in a proper Poſture of Defence to receive them, and make no Doubt, if they do come, that they will meet with a warmer Reception than they imagine.——We have clear'd all the Land within Cannon Shot of us, both this Side of the River, and likewiſe the other Side, beyond the New Store, which is on a higher Ground than our Fort ſtands upon; but the Knob is very narrow, and not fit to erect any Fortification upon, and is under the Command of our Guns, about 320 Yards diſtant from the Fort.——We expect the firſt Diviſion of the Virginia Forces to join us this Evening, when we intend a ſtrong Guard to be mounted at the New Store."

ANNAPOLIS.

Yeſterday before Noon, his Excellency our Governor received a Letter, by Expreſs, from Sir John St. Clair *at* Alexandria *in* Virginia; *and immediately his Excellency ſet off for that Place. And both Houſes of Aſſembly adjourn'd to Friday.*

Capt. Spencer *is arrived in* Patuxent, *from* London, *and has brought Letters of the Beginning of* January; *with whom came Paſſengers Meſſieurs* Richard Harriſon *and* John Skinner.

Thurſday laſt died here Mrs. Elizabeth Marriott, *Widow, who kept the* Ship *Tavern in* South-Eaſt-Street, *and is ſaid to have died worth upwards of* 3000 *Pounds.*

[The Public would have had in this Paper, a ſuccinct Account of the *Aſſembly Affairs*, as has been done of late Years, but the Printer has not yet been able to obtain a Copy.]

To Mr. Jonas Green.

SIR, *Somerſet, Feb.* 25, 1755.

BY this Opportunity is tranſmitted to the Repreſentatives of this County, ſome Inſtructions, thought neceſſary to be given, by their Conſtituents, at this critical Juncture.——Of this they were acquainted before they ſet out for *Annapolis*, and it was then determined to get them Printed in your Gazette.

The Governor's Speech, at the Prorogation of the laſt Aſſembly, naturally pointed out an Enquiry how the Body of the People ſtood diſpoſed towards raiſing a Sum of Money: And it was found here, that all Ranks of People were convinced of the Neceſſity, and willing chearfully to contribute. They rather, indeed, appeared in general to murmur, and many, openly enough, expreſſed their Diſſatisfaction, that ſo much Money ſhould be expended, while nothing was done to the main End and Purpoſe. *I am,*

Your moſt humble Servant,

A FREEHOLDER.

To Col. Robert Jenckins Henry, Captain Henry Waggaman, Captain John Handy, and Mr. John Dennis, Repreſentatives for *Somerſet* County.

WE *the ſubſcribing Freeholders of the aforeſaid County, in Purſuance of that Right which Conſtituents, under a* Britiſh *Government, claim of Inſtructing their Repreſentatives, in the Legiſlative Body, think proper, at this critical Conjuncture, to acquaint you with our Sentiments, and the Expectations we entertain of your Conduct in that important Truſt, which we have freely and chearfully repoſed in you.*

When we ſee the Views of an ambitious, potent Prince, extended in Defiance, and in open Violation of the moſt ſolemn Treaties with the Native Indians, *and the Crown of* Great-Britain, *and by Force ſeizing on the Lands, undoubtedly within the Limits of his Majeſty's Grants, fortifying themſelves thereon, aſſiſted by all the native Force of* Canada, *and large Numbers of veteran Soldiers from* France, *opening thereby a ſhort and eaſy Paſſage to our own Back Settlements.——When we reflect that thoſe are the avowed Enemies of our Trade, Liberties, Properties, Laws, and Religion, the utter Extirpation of which can only ſatisfy them.——When we conſider that "this appears to be the grand forwarding Stroke "to all their ambitious Views, and highly to be "fear'd Encroachments," and the only Way to bring about an arbitrary and tyrannical Empire, and introduce a bloody and perſecuting Religion throughout the whole Continent of* North-America: *To ſucceed in which, we ſee them act in one uniform Manner, guided by one ſteady Council, all directed to one fixed and unalterable Point: Their Strength conſiſting in Union, and their Proſpect of Succeſs founded on the preſent unhappy diſjointed State of our Colonies; which appears ſo evident to our* Indian *Allies, that Self-Preſervation has inducted Numbers of their Warriors to go over to the* French, *believing either that our Circumſtances are deſperate, or "that we are "an eaſy, effeminate, daſtardly People;" or as one of them expreſs'd himſelf at the late Treaty, "We "have Eyes, but we will not ſee; we have Ears, "but will not hear;" and of Conſequence not to be relied on, being doubtful we would not make any Proviſion againſt the impending Danger:*

We cannot forbear being highly alarmed at a Situation ſo ſhocking to every true Proteſtant Subject of Great-Britain: *And it is with the utmoſt Concern we have ſeen thoſe Evils, from ſmall Beginnings, riſe by Degrees to the moſt threatening Danger; and we can't help attributing its monſtrous Growth to the private Views, Inaction, Irreſolution, and Diſunion of the ſeveral Legiſlative Powers of* Britiſh America: *So that an Invaſion, which our own natural Strength and an eaſy Expence might have repelled, is now become Matter of ſerious Concern and Importance to our Mother Country, and calls for her Aſſiſtance in Arms and Money; and muſt, we apprehend, coſt immenſe Sums to thoſe Colonies, which a timely Union and Care might have ſaved.*

However remote, we cannot think ourſelves free from Danger, becauſe we do not yet feel it. We reflect "That God *has given to Man Underſtanding and Forecaſt to provide againſt impending Evils, "and when he neglects to do it, he forfeits the no"bleſt and moſt diſtinguiſhing Part of his Charac"ter." Shall we then "indolently, ſhamefully, "to our eternal Reproach and unavailing Repentance, "ſuffer thoſe Sons of rapacious Violence to enjoy the "Trophies of our lethargic and divided Politics." Forbid it Heaven! Whatever others do, let us do our Share, in freely and chearfully contributing Part of our Eſtates to ſave the reſt; the reſt did we ſay? Of how little Value are they, compared with the Loſs of our Religion, Liberties, and Laws.*

Gentlemen, *The ſame Cauſe will produce the ſame Effect; and every Delay, in applying the proper Remedy, will heighten the Danger, and make the Cure more difficult: Therefore our Hopes and Expectations of you are, That you will uſe your beſt Endeavours to promote that Harmony and Unanimity in the Public Proceedings, which alone can give Weight to our Conſultations, confirm the (now) wavering Diſpoſition of our* Indian *Allies to our Intereſt, and aſſure our Claim to the Liberty and Property of* Britiſh *Proteſtant Subjects: That you will labour to ſuppreſs all Debates of leſs Importance, till Times of more Leiſure and Tranquility, and ſteadily fix your Eyes on the Public Welfare, and the Common Security, of his Majeſty's Dominions in* America: *That you will earneſtly purſue the proper Means, by propoſing and ſupporting a Bill of Supply, adequate to the preſent Exigence, and the Ability of this Province; to which you have our chearful and hearty Concurrence; and we doubt not you will receive the ſincere Acknowledgments of all true Lovers of their Country's Intereſt, join'd to thoſe of your Conſtituents.*

Signed by

George Gale,	William Murray,
Alexander Adams,	Thomas Hayward, *jun.*
Robert Heron,	Henry Lowes,
Hamilton Bell,	John Williams,
Lowther Dashiel,	Nehemiah King,
Isaac Handy,	Henry Ballard,
Ephraim Wilson,	William Hayward,
Joshua Caldwell,	George Irwin,
Littleton Dennis,	John White,
David Polk,	
Thomas Gillis,	*And One Hundred and Thirty more ſubſcribing Freeholders of the ſaid County.*

To be LET *by the Subſcriber, at* Elk Ridge *Landing, and within One Hundred Yards of the Wharf,*

A GOOD Store-Houſe, 24 by 16, wherein Mr. *Thomas Dorſey* formerly kept Store, under which will be built a good Cellar early this Spring; adjacent to which is a good Salt-Houſe. For Terms apply to

Baſil Dorſey.

THE *Ship Tavern* in *Annapolis* (lately kept by Mrs. *Marriott*, deceaſed), is ſtill kept by her Daughter, who will always be glad to oblige her Mother's Cuſtomers, or Others.

COMMITTED to my Cuſtody, on Suſpicion of being Runaways, the two following Men, *viz.*

James Smith, a *Scotchman*, who denies he has any Maſter, ſays he has lived in *Virginia* 13 Years, and came from thence for fear of being preſs'd: He is about 5 Feet 3 or 4 Inches high, wears his own Hair, which is black, and is dreſſed in dark colour'd Cloaths.

John Cavennough, alias *James Cavendiſh*, who was imported in the Ship *Friſby*, laſt Fall, by the Name of *John Bryan*, and is ſuppoſed to be a Servant to ſome Gentleman on the Eaſtern Shore; he is an *Iriſhman*, and about 5 Feet high.

Their Maſters may have them again on Application, paying the Priſon Fees, and the Charge of this Advertiſement. *John Raitt*, Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County.

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Joſeph Cowman*, near *Weſt* River, in *Anne Arundel* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Red Steer, about 5 Years old, mark'd with two Crops, a Slit in the left Ear, and an under bit out of the right, with a Star in his Forehead.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *James Goore*, near the Mouth of *Manockaſy*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Bay Mare, branded on the near Thigh, thus ∿, has a Scar on her Noſe, and one of her hind Feet white.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

February 27, 1755.

ALL Perſons indebted to *Richard Gildart*, Eſq; and Sons, of *Liverpool*, Merchants, for Dealings with their ſeveral Factors within this Province, are deſired to ſettle their reſpective Accounts with, and pay the Ballances due to, the Subſcriber, now Agent to the ſaid Company, at *Oxford*, before the firſt Day of *July* next, otherwiſe they may expect to be dealt with, for Recovery thereof, as the Laws, in that Caſe made and provided, direct: And all Perſons who have any Demands on the ſaid Company, are deſired, in that Time, to apply for Payment to

Thomas Brereton.

By whom is to be Sold, at *Oxford*, a large Aſſortment of *European* GOODS, on reaſonable Terms.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Subſcriber will give conſtant Attendance at his Office, in *Annapolis*, on every Wedneſday and Thurſday before the Tenth of *April* next, to receive all ſuch Money from the Inhabitants of this County as is due from them for Public Levies, or on any other Account, to

Their humble Servant,

John Raitt, Sheriff of *Anne Arundel* County.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of Mr. *Stephen Onion*, late of *Baltimore* County, Iron-Maſter, deceaſed, are hereby deſired to come forthwith and diſcharge their reſpective Ballances, to prevent further Trouble: And all Perſons who have any Demands againſt the ſaid Eſtate, are deſired to bring them in, that they may be paid, by

Deborah Onion, Executrix.

Said Mrs. *Onion* hath, in *Joppa* Town, to Let, at a reaſonable Rate, a good Dwelling-Houſe, Kitchen, and Ground for a Garden, and Fire-Wood for the Premiſes.

On *Thurſday the Sixth Day of* March, *at the Houſe of* James Dowten, *in* Lower Marlborough, *will be Sold to the higheſt Bidder, for good Bills of Exchange, or Sterling Caſh,*

A VERY valuable Tract of Land, lying about three Miles from *Lower-Marlborough* Town, containing Four Hundred and odd Acres, exceeding rich level Land, and little cleared, with good Improvements.

Alſo another Tract of Land adjoining to the ſaid Town, containing Three Hundred and odd Acres, whereon is an excellent Dwelling Houſe, and all other Conveniences, and well ſituated for Trade.

Likewiſe ſome Lots in the ſaid Town of *Lower-Marlborough*.

All which Lands belonged to Captain *Walter Smith*, late of *Calvert* County, deceaſed.

Whoever is inclined to purchaſe the aforeſaid Lands, may be aſſured there will be an indiſputable Title made by

Chriſtian Smith, Executrix.

WHEREAS one *William Mackay*, born in *Cox-Town*, in the Pariſh of *Golſby* in the Shire of *Sutherland*, in *Scotland*, hath been about 12 or 13 Years in or about *Maryland*; and his Brother, *Robert Mackay*, being lately come into this Country, with Sir *John St. Clair*, Quarter Maſter General of his Majeſty's Forces in *North-America*, and is very deſirous to hear of his Brother, the ſaid *William Mackay*, and not knowing where to apply, takes this Method to find him out: Therefore this is to deſire the ſaid *William Mackay* to apply to Mr. *William Yeldell*, at his Excellency Governor *Sharpe*'s Houſe, in *Annapolis*, where he may be ſatisfied of every Particular where his Brother, the ſaid *Robert Mackay*, is to be found.

By Directions of a late ACT,

THIS is to give Notice, That there is taken up by *Thomas Cragg*, living near the lower End of *Hooper's Iſland*, in *Dorcheſter* County, a Boat about 11 Feet Keel, clincher Work, with two Shafts knee'd, and one looſe, has Stern Sheets in her, and ſeems to be about 2 Years old, and has a Piece of String Wood Rope for a Painter.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Elizabeth Waddams*, in *Prince George*'s County, taken up as a Stray, a Roan Mare, about 12 Hands high, branded with CB on each Buttock.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Braſhear*, at *Bennet*'s Creek, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall brown Gelding, has a ſmall Star in his Forehead, branded with S on the near Thigh, and a Dot on the near Shoulder, is ſhod before, and had a ſmall Bell about his Neck.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Henry Boteler*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a dark Bay Horſe, about 14 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder with H, and on the Thigh with a Blotch, has a ſmall Star in his Forehead, three white Feet, and a ſmall Switch Tail.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Edward Dorſey*, Son of *John*, taken up as a Stray, a large bright Bay Horſe, has a ſhort Sprig Tail, hanging Mane, a Bunch of white Hair in his Foretop, he appears to be old, and no Brand to be diſcerned.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Robert Riddell*, in *Prince George*'s County, taken up as a Stray, a bright Bay Horſe, about 13 Hands and an Half high, has a Star in his Forehead, a Snip on his Noſe, one of his hind Feet white, branded on the near Buttock unintelligibly, and appears to be about five Years old.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Philip Hammond*, near the Head of *Severn*, taken up as a Stray by *Henry Baldwin*, a very ſmall Bay Horſe, branded on the near Buttock with a C, and has a Star in his Forehead.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Thomas Ciſſel*, near *Bladenſburg*, taken up as a Stray, a Sorrel Mare, branded on the near Shoulder with an R, and on both Buttocks with NW (joined in one), is about 10 Hands high, has a flaxen Mane and Tail, and a ſmall Star in her Forehead.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Elderburton*, in *Frederick* County, near *Patuxent* River, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Bay Mare, about 4 Years old, and neither dock'd nor branded: She has with her a Colt about 4 Months old.

The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of Mrs. *Hannah Benſon*, late of *Anne-Arundel* County, who deceaſed in the Year 1752, are deſired to make immediate Payments: And thoſe who have any juſt Demands againſt the ſaid Eſtate, are deſired to bring in their Accounts, that they may be adjuſted, by

4 *Henry Griffith*, Adminiſtrator.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, the 20th of *November* laſt, living on *Patuxent* River, near *Upper Marlborough*, in *Prince George's* County, a dark Mulatto Man, named *Sam*, about 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, about 30 Years of Age, a Carpenter by Trade, has a down Look, and low Voice. Had on when he went away, a new Cotton Jacket and Breeches, and Oſnabrigs Shirt; he is ſuppoſed to have taken with him, one Cotton Coat lined with blue, one red Waiſtcoat and Breeches, one blue Silk Coat, one light Cloth Coat, ſome fine Shirts, and one or two good Hats. He is ſuppoſed to be lurking in *Charles* County, near *Bryan-Town*, where a Mulatto Woman lives, whom he has for ſome Time called his Wife; but as he is an artful Fellow, and can read and write, it is probable he may endeavour to make his Eſcape out of the Province.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Runaway, and ſecures him ſo as his Maſter may get him again, ſhall have, if taken out of this Province, Three Pounds; and if within this Province, Forty Shillings, beſides what the Law allows, paid by

5 *William Digges*, junior.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John Hammond*, near *Annapolis*, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Bay Mare, branded on the near Buttock, but with what cannot be diſcerned, has ſome Saddle Spots, is ſhod before, and paces ſlow.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

FINE SALT, juſt imported from *Liverpool*, in the Snip *Unity*, Captain *Birch*, to be Sold cheap for Paper Money or Bills of Exchange, at *Oxford*, by Wholeſale.

Henry Calliſter.

RAN away on Monday the 10th of this Inſtant *February*, a likely, young, dark, Mulatto Fellow, named *Peter*: Had on when he went away, a Felt Hat, a Country Cloth Waiſtcoat and Breeches ſtriped, a Pair of Leather Breeches and white Yarn Stockings.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Fellow, and ſecures him ſo that his Maſter may have him again, ſhall be rewarded with One Piſtole, beſides what the Law allows, *Henry Gaſſaway.*

Baltimore County, *January* 25, 1755.

BROKE out of the County Goal, laſt Night, at *Joppa*, *John Tucker*, a Ship-Carpenter, about [illegible] Feet 10 Inches high, has loſt ſome of his fo[illegible]eeth, he bends forward when walking, and is about 45 Years of Age.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid *Tucker*, and brings him to my Goal, ſhall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward, if taken in the County; if taken out of the County, FIVE PISTOLES Reward, and reaſonable Charges, paid by

William Young, Sheriff.

To be Sold for Ready Money, to the higheſt Bidder, and enter'd upon immediately, on Tueſday the 18th of March,

ALL that Tract or Parcel of Land called *Park Hall*, containing about 1550 Acres, lying and being in *Frederick* County, in the Province of *Maryland*. The ſaid Land is divided into ſeveral Lots, any of which may be agreed for with the Subſcriber, who will attend at the County Court for that Purpoſe. The ſaid Lands did formerly belong to Mr. *William Parks*, deceaſed. The Sale will be on the Premiſes.

John Shelton.

N. B. Perſons inclinable to purchaſe any Part, may enquire of *John Sweringen* and *William Anderſon* near the ſaid Land.

January 29, 1755.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living at *Weſt River*, on the 26th of this Inſtant, an Indented Servant Man, named *Thomas Muſprate*, born in *Briſtol*, a Sadler by Trade, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, of a black Complexion, has ſhort black Hair, and about 30 Years of Age. He had on a Cotton Jacket and Trowſers, an Oſnabrigs Shirt, a blue Pea Jacket, and an old Felt Hat.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Servant, and ſecures him in any Goal, ſo that he may be had again, ſhall have, if taken in the County, One Piſtole, beſides what the Law allows, and if taken out of the County, Two Piſtoles, beſides what the Law allows.

Stephen Steward.

January 7, 1755.

THE Commiſſioners of the Paper Currency Office, have, by frequent Advertiſements, deſired the Debtors to that Office to come and pay the Intereſt due on their Bonds, which they have not hitherto complied with: Therefore they now inform all concerned, that they have put ſeveral Bonds in Suit, and that they will continue to do ſo, in every Inſtance, until all the Intereſt Money, due to the ſaid Office, is paid in.

Signed per *Order of the Commiſſioners*,

Richard Dorſey,
Clerk Paper Currency Office.

THE Executor of the late Capt. *Thomas Aſkew*, having conſtituted me the Subſcriber his Attorney in Fact, for ſettling his Affairs in this Province; this is to deſire all Perſons who have any Demands on the ſaid *Aſkew*'s Eſtate, to bring in their Accounts, that they may be diſcharged: And thoſe indebted are requeſted to make ſpeedy Payments, to prevent Expence to themſelves, and Trouble to *Lancelot Jacques.*

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